

telephone number to set up a communication channel through said phone independent of said web server and said information terminal.

5. (ONCE AMENDED) The telephone number searching system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information terminal having the web browser connects to said web server to submit the search using a telephone line, and stops the connection in response to the telephone plug-in automatically dialing the one telephone number, and said telephone plug-in automatically dials the one telephone number using the telephone line.

8. (ONCE AMENDED) A telephone number searching method supporting automatic dialing comprising the steps of:

- (a) connecting a web browser to a web server;
- (b) inputting a search term to be searched to the web server;
- (c) searching a telephone number database in which a plurality of telephone numbers are associated with corresponding search terms with the web server using the input search term, and displaying at least one telephone number which corresponds to the input search term; and
- (d) selecting one telephone number from the at least one telephone number displayed in said step (c) and operating a telephone plug-in to dial the selected one telephone number automatically and independently of said web server.

12. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein:

said step (a) comprises connecting the web browser to the web server using a telephone line; and

said step (d) comprises the step of disconnecting the web browser from the web server over the telephone line prior to operating the telephone plug-in to dial the selected one telephone number automatically over the telephone line.

13. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein:

said step (a) comprises connecting the web browser to the web server using a first telephone line; and

said step (d) comprises operating the telephone plug-in to dial the selected one telephone number automatically over a second telephone line.

14. (ONCE AMENDED) A telephone number searching method, comprising the steps of:

- (a) connecting a web browser to a web server which is connected to a telephone database having search terms and corresponding telephone numbers;
- (b) entering at least one search term by a user to the web browser;
- (c) searching the telephone database for the at least one search term, and displaying at least one telephone number corresponding to the at least one search term; and
- (d) selecting one of the at least one telephone number by the user, and automatically dialing the selected one telephone number independently of said web server if the selected one telephone number is defined by a link syntax for executing the automatic dialing.

16. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein:

- said step (a) comprises the step of connecting the web browser to the web server using a telephone line; and
- said step (d) comprises disconnecting the web browser from the web server over the telephone line, and operating the telephone plug-in to dial the selected one telephone number automatically over the telephone line.

19. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein:

- said step (a) comprises connecting the web browser to the web server using a first telephone line; and
- said step (d) comprises operating the telephone plug-in to dial the selected one telephone number automatically over a second telephone line.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 17 has been canceled and claims 1, 5, 8, 12-14, 16 and 19 have been amended, thus claims 1-16, 18 and 19 are pending and under consideration.

The 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph, Rejection

At page 2 of the Office Action, claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 17 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus the rejection of claim 17 is moot.